



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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September 2013 Newsletter

Next Meeting:

October 11: Software Defined Radio

Highlights from the September Meeting:

Club president Dave Spoelstra, N9KT, called the meeting to order at 7:33 and started self introductions. There were almost 60 in attendance. Dave announced that the Indianapolis Radio Club has merged with the Ivy Tech Radio Club. Six new club members were recognized. Sherry will be the new ham greeter next month. Mike Rollins was the greeter this month.

Ron Cooper, WB9DKL talked about Hilltop event. It will be September 28 8:00 am – Noon, 40M, 10M, 6M, 2M will be the bands used, and 220 MHz and 900 MHz will be bonus bands.

The Christmas Dinner will be on December 13, at 7:00 pm, at the Primo Banquet & Conference Center. The cost for members will be \$12 in advance, and non members will be \$22 in advance. The speaker for the evening will be Alan Teller on WW2 gliders that landed in Normandy. This will be a good kick-off for the 100th anniversary year.

The 100th year anniversary committee is being chaired by Tom Chance, K9XV. Meeting will be September 18 at GT South's at 71st and Binford at 7:00 pm. Longest attending club member for this meeting John Lee, W9GRE, who has been attending since 1949.

Announcements from the floor: Jay Wright, KK9L, announced that Hendricks County classes will be starting January 14th running for 9 meetings. Mark, W9MGB, announced that there is a new 6 meter net meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm on the 52.7 MHz IPL repeater. It was announced that the Bedford Hamfest will have a testing session.

Next, Tom Chance, K9XV, talked about club events that happened over the summer. Field Day, Indy Hamfest, (Hamfest was a big success, WA9FDO, had lots of positive comments about moving to Marion County Fairgrounds, intending to stay at the Fairgrounds). Field Day – Good showing at Camp Belzer, largest city based boyscout campground in the US. This year's station was a 2A station with separate SSB and CW stations. WD9BSA was the GOTA station. Had solar charged battery power in addition to generators. N9NS built a special fan-dipole antenna for the SSB station. Tom reported there were 2526 QSOs, 1263 CW, 1054 SSB. Total score was 7160. Field Day 2013 was a joint effort of W9JP, W9IMS, and HDXCC group.

At the Indy Hamfest Bob Osterhous, W9PSE, put together and manned the Indy Radio Club booth. Indiana State Fair special event station W9ISF was operated from the state fair via WW2IND. WW2IND update: There are 38 survivors of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis still with us, there was a reception and reunion for them this summer at the War Memorial. Indianapolis Motor Speedway special event station W9IMS operated around 40 hours for each of the three races at the speedway, they logged 4849 Qs for the 500, 4017 for the Brickyard 400, and 3525 for the Moto GP. There were 30 operators involved.

A possible replacement for the Broadripple Hamfest could be at Camp Belzer.

Dave talked about the “Open Streets Indy” event, going on September 29 Noon to 5:00 in Broadripple.

Door Prizes awarded at 8:40 pm.

Ham Radio News:

2013 OUTSTANDING AMATEUR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 Outstanding Amateur of the Year award. Each year the Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC) selects an outstanding Indiana Amateur Radio Operator from the nominations received. All nominees will be recognized along with the final winner.

The 2013 award will be presented at the November 2013 Fort Wayne hamfest, during the IRCC Forum. Nominations must be received no later than October 4, 2013. Past winners are not eligible to receive a second award.

Nominees are judged by their dedication to amateur radio as a hobby, and as a public service instrument. Some of the qualities the IRCC is looking for, include: on the air activities, such as net participation, Skywarn, ARES, RACES, Satarn, Red Cross, and other public service operations. Other qualities are participation as a ham radio mentor or instructor, club or organization involvement, forum presenter, speaker, volunteer examiner, and recruiter of new hams, especially the much needed younger generation. Please include as many details as possible about the above activities in your nomination.

Submit questions or nominations to:

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FCC ASSURES PENDING AMATEUR SERVICE RULE CHANGES ARE NOT ON BACK BURNER

Speaking in late July at the 28th annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) meeting, Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Mobility Division within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), assured attendees that pending proposals to modify the Amateur Service Part 97 rules are not on the back burner but still under review. FCC personnel addressing the teleconference were unable, however, to predict when the Commission would take action on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) in WT Docket 12-283. The NPRM can be found on the web in PDF format at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-12-121A1.pdf.

Among the FCC proposals: Granting exam credit for expired and beyond-the grace-period licenses; shortening the grace period during which an expired ham ticket may be renewed; correspondingly revising the time a call sign remains unavailable to vanity applicants; and reducing the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer examinations. The docket also seeks comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration and proposes allowing Amateur Radio stations to transmit certain emission types.

VANITY CALLSIGN FEE INCREASED AUGUST 23

The new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign went into effect Friday, August 23, when the new regulatory fee schedule appeared in the Federal Register. Earlier this year the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from \$15 to \$15.20, but in the Report and Order in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the Commission offered no explanation for the higher fee.

In another change, starting in FY 2014, the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically.

The R&O ordered a broad schedule of new fees and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following Federal Register publication, because it feared there would not be time for FY 2013 fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1.

The FCC says it expects \$230,230 in revenue to cover the costs of administering the vanity call sign program. It anticipates 14,300 vanity call sign applications.

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Rudy KN9C

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Phil Mills, N9TD
Steve Schlegel, N9QMK
Robert Tevault, KC9TRV
Tim Hill, KC9KQO

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If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the July, August, September, 1955 *Amachewer*:

Still going on at the present time, (Sept. 14th) the club station W9JP is operating at the Indiana State Fair in the Radio City Building. The equipment set up in the corridor of that building is using equipment furnished by Graham Electronics, operators furnished by the Indianapolis Radio club, the Indiana Radio Club Council, and The Mobile Club of Indianapolis. Thus it is a cooperative effort to help carry out the communications theme of this year's State Fair.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- September 21: Greenfield tailgate hamfest. 8:00am -1:00pm at new location, First church of God parking lot, VE Testing at 9 am.
- October 5: Bedford Hoosier Hills hamfest. More info at <http://www.w9qyq.org/>

2013 Officers:

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